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Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC

Re: Comment in response to FCC's "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" 05-311

In support of maintaining the local franchise system for PEG-TV

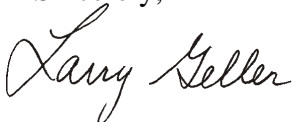
PEG TV is so important to viewers here in Hawaii that one additional channel has recently been allocated to `Olelo Public Television by order of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission. I urge the FCC not to take any action to threaten this important public resource, and to reject the calls from cable operators to reclaim these channels simply to add more acreage to the "vast wasteland" that commercial television represents.

The mechanism by which PEG access is funded is eminently fair in that cable operators have been given the use of public facilities for their profit. At the same time, the percentage of local news coverage in most markets has diminished and locally-produced community programming is virtually non-existent outside of the PEG channels.

Hawaii is culturally diverse, and this is reflected in the diversity of expression on our PEG channels. Programming is multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, and covers a wide gamut of subject matter of interest to viewers in our state. This programming would not be available through commercial channels. Nor would local producers be able to find space on commercial channels.

For these and reasons that others have detailed in their comments to the FCC, I ask that the current system be maintained in the public interest of all citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Geller".

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